THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Backwardness in Girl's Education**

†3598. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not only in the field of professional education, but also in the fields of arts, science or commerce education in universities and colleges, the number of girl students is very less as compared to that of boy students, while according to the census in the country there is not much difference in the population of males and females;

(b) if so, the reasons for the girls lagging behind in education; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to sort out these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), there is an increasing trend in the number of girl students getting higher education. The percentage of girl students in higher education has risen from 11% in 1950-51 to 35% in 1999-2000

**Financial Assistance to NGOs for Education**

3599. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations for development of education; if so, the quantum thereof, State-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides financial assistance to

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